



!!INVITATION! 2nd Teleconference for Cook Inlet Tribes Re : Cook Inlet Oil & Gas NPDES General Permit - Reproposal of Less Stringent Effluent Limits - this FRIDAY June 10, 10:00-11:30am AK

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Dear Tribal Environmental Directors:

On May 18, 2011, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) re-proposed six effluent limits for produced water under the Cook Inlet National Pollutant-Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit (AKG-31-5000). The effluent limits subject to the re-proposal are: mercury, copper, total aromatic hydrocarbons (TAH), total aqueous hydrocarbons (TAqH), silver, and whole effluent toxicity (WET). In addition to re-proposing less stringent effluent limits, EPA is also re-proposing the corresponding more stringent limits that were in the previous Cook Inlet General Permit (AKG-28-5000).

On May 3, 2011, the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) provided EPA with a draft Clean Water Act Section 401 certification, which includes an antidegradation analysis for the less stringent limits. "Backsliding" of permit effluent limits is allowed if the revisions are consistent with the State's antidegradation policy.

The draft Cook Inlet NPDES General Permit Re-proposal, fact sheet, and draft CWA 401 Certification are available on EPA's webpage at:
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/WATER.NSF/NPDES+Permits/DraftPermitsAK>

EPA will be accepting comments on this re-proposal until June 20, 2011. EPA would like to invite representatives of Cook Inlet Tribal governments to participate in a 2nd informational teleconference call on Friday, June 10, from 10:00-11:30 am AST, to discuss any questions you may have regarding this action.

Call Date & Time: Friday June 10, 10:00-11:30am AST
Conference Line: 1-866-299-3188; Access Code: 206-553-0775#

We look forward to talking with you. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (206) 553-7263 or Hanh Shaw at (206) 553-0171 or shaw.hanh@epa.gov if you have any questions.

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